

REMARKS

The examiner rejected claims 29 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by the FedEx website of 12 Jan. 1998. The examiner rejected claims 22-28 and 31 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the FedEx system as taught by the Business Wire article and the FedEx website) in view of Viking Freight (both old and new web documents and pages). The examiner noted that the phrase "requiring the user" could be vague; however, the examiner did not reject under 35 U.S.C. §112.

The applicant has amended several claims and presents new claims that are patentable over FedEx and Viking Freight and all other references these references do not teach or suggest every limitation of the claims.

As to the phrase "requiring the user", the applicant respectfully feels that the phrase is not vague as used in the claims. Clearly, the claims that use this phrase require that the user answer every choice presented on the page or the transaction cannot proceed. It is clear from the examiner's arguments that this concept was totally understood by the examiner from a simple reading of the claim. The applicant remains open to any suggestion by the examiner for a phrase that might be more concise.

The applicant feels that the examiner will find the new claims to be patentable, and therefore respectfully requests that the examiner place the case in condition for allowance at his earliest convenience.

Respectfully Submitted

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